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SUBJECT: CONVICTION AND SENTENCING OF TERRORIST GROUP IN ZAGREB

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- 1. ATTORNEY WHO DEFENDED ONE OF THE TERRORISTS IN ZAGREB TRIAL TOLD CONOFFS THAT TRIAL OF TERRORIST GROUP ENDED APRIL 28. ALL BUT ONE OF ACCUSED WAS CONVICTED; ONE INDIVIDUAL WAS SENTENCED TO 12 YEARS, ANOTHER TO 10, AND THE REST RECEIVED LESSER SENTENCES. THE ATTORNEY STATED THAT THEY WERE CONVICTED UNDER ARTICLE 111 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE ("ORGANIZATION AND INFILTRATION OF ARMED GROUPS AND MATERIAL INTO THE TERRITORY OF YUGOSLAVIA") WHICH SPECIFIES SENTENCES FROM A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS TO DEATH. HE SAID THEY INTENDED TO TRY TO KILL TITO. HE ADDED THAT THERE WOULD EVENTUALLY BE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE TRIAL.
- 2. THE ATTORNEY SAID THAT DURING THE TESTIMONY OF THE DEFENDENTS THERE WAS FREQUENT "MENTION" OF CONTACT WITH "AMERICAN OFFICERS" IN GERMANY. HE DID NOT CLARIFY WHAT WAS MEANT BY "CONTACT." HE CLAIMED THAT AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT WAS ONE OF THE REASONS THE TRIAL WAS HELD IN STRICT SECRECY. (COMMENT: SAME ATTORNEY HAD STATED PREVIOUSLY (REFTEL) THAT HE BELIEVED THE TERRORISTS HAD BEEN ARMED WITH AMERICAN WEAPONS.)

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3. THE ATTORNEY ALSO CLAIMED THAT THE GERMAN POLIC598***X)**6F***2\$K*(0*B***B*O*****P*Q***)*V*X*&*5**MAFVVZCZ

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